

Remarks

The Office Action dated August 20, 2007 indicated that claims 16 and 17 remain in condition for allowance, and listed the following rejections: Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Ménard (U.S. 6,944,151); and claims 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ménard in view of Vargo *et al.* (U.S. 6,477,164).

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 16 and 17.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-15 without prejudice for possible prosecution in a related application. In doing so, Applicant does not acquiesce to their rejections or any aspect underlying the rationale used in presenting the rejections.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. A favorable response is requested. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (651) 686-6633.

Respectfully submitted,

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